

## AFTER COAL COMBINE

## Interstate Commission Will Probe Roads.

They Charge that Railway Companies Have Pooled to Control the Output, and that They Are Unable to Get Cars—Interior Department Co-operating to Obtain Evidence.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is investigating complaints of independent coal operators that the railroads, through combination, control the price and output of coal in the Indian Territory. In its efforts to obtain evidence that this combination is illegal the commission has

The relations of the railroads and coal companies controlled by them will be personally investigated by Commissioner Clark, who will hold hearings on the complaints of the independent carriers.

South McAlester in December. He is now in Salt Lake City investigating the alleged monopoly of the Union Pacific Railroad in the coal fields of Utah, Wyoming, and Colorado.

His hearings are being conducted under the provisions of the Gillespie-Thilman resolution, adopted at the last session of Congress. That resolution directed the commission to ascertain what railroads are engaged in the mining of coal, and if they have built up monopolies.

**Independents Frozen Out.**

Both the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Interior Department have received many complaints from independent operators in the Indian Territory. These operators have charged that the Rock Island, through the Choctaw, Okla-

homa, and Gulf, which it controls; the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas, and the Frisco, have formed a combination to control the price and output of coal in the Choctaw country.

It has been charged that these roads operated through the McAlester Fuel Company, and that independents are compelled to sell their output through this concern. Failing to do this, they are un-

It is understood that a special agent of the Interstate Commerce Commission, who is now in the South McAlester field, assisted by J. George Wright, inspector for the Indian Territory, has obtained

**Prosecutions May Follow.**

At the coming session of Congress the Interstate Commerce Commission will make a report in accordance with the provisions of the Gillespie-Tilman resolution. The investigation has been in

progress since last summer. It was in the course of its inquiries that grafting among officials of the Pennsylvania Road, and the favoritism of that railroad to certain coal companies in Pennsylvania were disclosed. It is believed that as a result of the investigation the Department of Justice will start prosecutions against some of the railroads engaged in the mining of coal.

Little is known of the McAlester Fuel

Company at the Interior Department. It holds no Indian coal leases, and, therefore, it is not under the department's supervision. Officials said yesterday that they did not even know the names of its officers and directors. They added that they had been informed it was controlled by a combination of the railroads in the Indian Territory.

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**MARRIAGE LICENSES.**

Robert F. Campbell, 24, and Rosa Taylor, 21. Rev.  
Theron Oster.  
Hester J. Parks, 39, and Saville Neiman, Baltimore  
Md.  
Charles Mannix, 28, and Della J. McGrath, 24.  
Rev. W. S. Coughley.  
James G. Shibley, 30, Marysville, Kans., and Mar-  
Elsie Belt, 22. Rev. Osborn Belt.  
Harry K. Scheer, 46, and Neva Virginia Norton  
33. Rev. Edward L. Buckley.  
Curtis Johnson, 23, Guntersville, Ala., and  
Frances Mary, 20. Rev. W. M. Bristol.  
J. Turner Thompson, 34, Quinton Va., and Rosa

C. Wade, 23, Henrico County, Va. Rev. J. B. McLaughlin.  
Wendell R. Smith, 25, Norwalk, Ohio, and Mrs. A. Stafford, 23, Rev. D. J. Stafford.  
Henry Raeder, 26, and Ann May Raeder, 20, Rev. T. P. O'Rourke.  
Howard M. Perrie, 33, Westwood, Md., and Maud C. Gibbons, 29, Rev. C. Ernest Smith.  
William H. Buckhard, 30, 3, Farmers' Fork, Va., and Mary W. Sanford, 21, Monroe, Va.  
Matthew C. Horner, 22, and Fannie Smith, 18, Rev. Walter A. Mitchell.  
Angus G. Trammell, 23, and Viola Johnson, 23,

Newport, Md. Rev. J. R. Heffernan.  
James P. Quinn, 27, Cuba, N. Y., and Gertrude  
Fitzsimmons, 28, Rev. Thomas E. McGuigan.  
Louis Winters, 45, and Mary E. T. Hill, 37, Rev.  
D. J. Stafford.  
Misses Johnson, 23, and Johanna Hoddes, 27,  
Rev. Julius T. Lock.  
Adolph G. Freedom, 35, and Leah Weinkrantz,  
23, Baltimore Md. Rev. Louis Stern.  
Milton C. Merryman, 23, and Elizabeth L. Jones, 13,  
Sparrow's Point, Md. Rev. F. M. Bristol.  
Arthur L. Hawk, 28, and Sadie Landford, 21,  
Petersburg, Va. Rev. E. H. Lamar.

COLORED.

Joseph Gainer, 22, and Bessie Whiting, 21. Rev. Theodore Williams, 22.

James A. Thompson, 22, and Alice Diggs, 20. Rev. R. P. Williams.

Robert Washington, 33, and Jane T. Allen, 34. Rev. W. J. Howard.

Robert Grady, 37, and Bessie Bryant, 28, St. Louis Mo. Rev. James L. Jasper.

Thomas Miles, 21, Hall's Hill, Va., and Beatrice Brown, 18. Rev. Chino H. Coleman.

Edward Kelly, 22, and Elmore Baxter, 23. Rev. P. Wallace.

Joshua S. Nellie, 23, and Mamie E. Martin, 22.

Rev. Moses W. D. Norman.  
Isaac Williams, 62, and Carrie Sherman, 38. Rev.  
Aquila Sayles.  
Joseph A. Smallwood, 21, and Laura Lee Thomas  
18. Rev. Oscar T. Mitchell.

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**DEATH RECORD.**

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Sarah A. Day, Anacostia, 88 years.  
Mary Hirschfeld, 1109 9th st. n.w., 73 years.  
Rosetta D. Sprague, 1013 T st. n.w., 67 years.  
Jerry Johnson, 911 M st. n.w., 65 years.

George Jacobson, Railroad, 15, C. 63 years.  
 Mary Jacobson, 15, C. 63 years.  
 Josephine Marconer, 223 E. Cap., 63 years.  
 Catherine A. Conway, Gov. Hosp., Insane, 56 years.  
 William J. Sleigh, U. S. A., Gen. Hosp., 65 years.  
 Herman Kahn, 1411 Harvard st. nw., 92 years.  
 Fannie T. Bell, Geo. Wash. Univ. Hosp., 48 years.  
 Charles Lyons, Gov. Hosp. for Insane, 44 years.  
 Annie M. Lake, 2017 Partner pl. nw., 41 years.  
 Victoria White, Freedmen's Hospital, 38 years.  
 Minnie Washington, 1252 Union st. sw., 31 years.  
 Fannie Grayson, Freedmen's Hospital, 34 years.  
 Anna R. Kiser, 1814 E. 11th, 34 years.  
 Hattie W. Moore, 1518 E. 11th, 34 years.

Frederick C. W. Church, 315 Del. ave. n., 14 years.  
Charles F. Southerland, 1217 Otis pl. n.w., 4 mos.  
Henry Brown, 1558 Temple ave. n.w., 2 months.  
Melvin Thomas, 622 O st. n.w., 1 month.

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED.**

The following building permits were issued by Building Inspector Ashford yesterday:

To L. E. Breuninger, for seven two-story brick dwellings at 1208 to 1220 Irving street northwest. Architect, N. R. Grimm. Builder, L. E. Breuninger.

Estimated cost, \$3,500.  
To W. S. Newell, for one three-story brick dwell-  
ing at 359 Sixteenth street northwest. Architect,  
A. H. Schermerhorn. Builder, A. R. Taylor. Es-  
timated cost, \$7,500.  
To Louis P. Shoemaker, for three-story addition  
at 1000 Virginia avenue southwest. Architect, N. K.  
Grimm. Builder, James H. Grant. Estimated cost,  
\$1,500.

